



State Senator

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Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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| SB 1181 | SUBMERGED LOG REMOVAL (Birkholz)
Modifies submerged log removal permit to last five years from the date all necessary approvals have been granted by the state and federal government. |
| SB 1182 | LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT (Emerson)
Updates federal legislative retirement requirements to be administered in compliance with Sec. 415 of the internal revenue code. |
| SR 248 | D-DAY ANNIVERSARY (Brown)
Honors the 60th anniversary of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Europe. |
| SR 249 | NURSES WEEK (Jacobs)
Names the week of May 6-12, 2004 as National Nurses Week in Michigan. |
| SB 1183 | SENIOR CENTER FOOD (Hammerstrom)
Provides sales tax exemption for food served at senior citizen centers. |
| SB 1184 | CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION (Toy)
Increases penalties and fines for violation of city ordinances to up to \$5,000 from \$500. |
| SB 1185 | PERSONAL PROPERTY INTEREST (Cassis)
Modifies penalties and interest on personal property taxation. |
| SR 250 | ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS (Scott)
Commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. |
| SR 251 | M.S.U. DEBATE TEAM (Bernero) |

Honors the Michigan State University debate team, champions of the 58th National Debate Tournament. Full Text

- SR 252 MACKINAC BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION (Allen)
Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the beginning of construction of the Mackinac Bridge.
- SR 253 BAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER E.M.S. (Barcia)
Honors Bay Regional Medical Center EMS for 31 years of service to the community.
- SR 254 AFTER-SCHOOL INITIATIVE (Hardiman)
Requests the Department of Education and the Family Independence Agency to extend the duration of the Michigan After-School Initiative and expand the scope of its membership and efforts.
- SR 255 DAY OF PRAYER (Bishop)
Observes May 6, 2004 as National Day of Prayer in Michigan.
- SR 256 EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Bernero)
Urges Congress to extend temporary emergency unemployment benefits.
- SR 257 STATE LAND SALE (Stamas)
Urges the Department of Natural Resources to continue pursuing policies that sell lands that are of marginal value to the state to encourage local use and development.

Committee Hearings
Hearing times and topics are subject to change.

HOUSE

House Committee	Appropriations: Natural Resources and Environmental Quality
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	SB 1068 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of natural resources; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. SB 1066 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of environmental quality; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair	Representative John R Pastor

House Committee	Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-7256
Location	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	SB 998 (Cropsey) Courts; other; drug treatment courts; establish. SB 999 (Sanborn) Controlled substances; penalties; eligibility for probation and dismissal of charges; restrict for drug treatment court participants. SB 1000 (Patterson) Criminal procedure; youthful trainees; eligibility for youthful trainee program; coordinate with drug treatment courts. HB 5647 (Howell) Criminal procedure; probation; conditions of probation; include participation in drug treatment court. HB 5674 (Acciavatti) Criminal procedure; sentencing; sentencing procedures; include references to drug

treatment courts.

[HB 5716](#) (Meisner) Juveniles; criminal procedure; commitment of juvenile to drug treatment court; allow.

Chair Representative Jim Howell

House Committee Local Government and Urban Policy
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-2013
Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda

[HB 5843](#) (LaJoy) Townships; public services; police authority; allow township to enter into more than 1 under certain circumstances.

[HB 5728](#) (Hune) Townships; public services; fire authorities; allow power to pass ordinances.

[HB 5672](#) (Hune) Property tax; exemptions; nonprofit housing organization; provide exemption.

Chair Representative Chris Ward

House Committee Appropriations: Corrections
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 10:00 AM
Agenda

[SB 1064](#) (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of corrections; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

-Public Testimony

Chair Representative Mike Pumford

House Committee Agriculture and Resource Management
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538
Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda Presentation by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Service

*[SB 1023](#) (Prusi) Natural resources; forests; forest pilot project areas; provide for.

*[SB 1024](#) (McManus) Natural resources; forests; forest finance authority; change membership of board and specialty uses of the forest development fund.

Chair Representative Tom Meyer

House Committee Commerce
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5632
Location 519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda [HB 5809](#) (Palsrok) Torts; liability; provisions of the common sense consumption act; enact.

[SB 1116](#) (Van Woerkom) Single business tax; deductions; income from certain federal and state research programs and grants; provide for.

Chair Representative Clark Bisbee

House Committee	Health Policy: Cost
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-5795
Location	521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time	10:30 AM
Agenda	Status of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency
Chair	Representative Edward J Gaffney

House Committee	Education
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8538
Location	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time	2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda	SB 943 (Kuipers) Education; curricula; requirements for instruction in sex education; revise. SB 944 (Hardiman) School aid; penalties; penalties related to instruction in sex education; revise and provide for complaint process.
Chair	Representative Brian Palmer
House Committee	Appropriations: School Aid (K12)/Department of Education
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	426 State Capitol Building
Date	Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time	8:30 AM
Agenda	SB 1069 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; school aid; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. SB 1065 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of education; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. - Public Testimony
Chair	Representative John Moolenaar

House Committee	Energy and Technology
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8538
Location	519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	HB 5807 (McConico) Public utilities; electric utilities; independent transmission companies; establish. HB 5808 (Bradstreet) Public utilities; electric utilities; electric transmission line certificate act; create.
Chair	Representative Ken Bradstreet

House Committee	Local Government and Urban Policy
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-2013
Location	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	FOR TESTIMONY ONLY HB 4106 (Jamnick) Taxation; state real estate transfer; transfer tax on transfer of certain manufactured homes; provide for.

[HB 4879](#) (Richardville) Sales tax; exemptions; sales tax on used manufactured homes; provide for exemption.

[HB 4882](#) (Richardville) Use tax; exemptions; use tax on manufactured home sales; eliminate.

[HB 4880](#) (Richardville) Mobile homes; other; manufactured housing specific tax; create and implement.

[HB 5844](#) (Richardville) Income tax; property tax credit; Michigan manufactured housing specific tax paid; include for homestead property tax credit calculation.

[HB 4111](#) (Jamnick) Property tax; other; manufactured housing subject to specific tax; exempt.

[HB 4868](#) (Jamnick) Mobile homes; owners rights; manufactured home owners residency act; create.

[HB 4869](#) (Jamnick) Mobile homes; owners rights; manufactured home owners association act; establish and clarify rights.

[HB 5035](#) (Milosch) Mobile homes; other; mobile home commission; revise membership.

Chair

Representative Chris Ward

House Committee Tax Policy

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-0070

Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004

Time 9:00 AM

Agenda [HB 4177](#) (Shackleton) Property tax; exemptions; real and personal property of fraternal and veterans organizations; exempt.

[HB 4357](#) (Gaffney) Income tax; credit; credit for contribution to charitable organizations to benefit K-12 education; establish.

[HB 5669](#) (Gaffney) Income tax; credit; contributions to a historical museum; provide for credit.

[HB 5538](#) (Hune) Property tax; assessments; transfer of ownership of and homestead exemption for residential development property; clarify definition and provide exemption as principal residence.

For referral to the committee on Local Government and Urban Policy:

[HB 5098](#) (Milosch) Taxation; mobile homes; trailer coach tax; limit application and prospectively repeal.

Chair

Representative Lorence Wenke

House Committee Appropriations: Higher Education

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080

Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building

Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004

Time 10:30 AM

Agenda [SB 1067](#) (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; higher education; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
- Testimony from University Presidents

Chair Representative Sandra Caul

House Committee Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-2013

Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004

Time 10:30 AM

Agenda [HB 4588](#) (Condino) Natural resources; wetlands; definition of wetlands; clarify.
Chair Representative Susan Tabor

House Committee Criminal Justice
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-7256
Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda FOR TESTIMONY ONLY

[SB 220](#) (Garcia) Trade; fair trade practices; credit card receipt; prohibit expiration date and full account number from being printed on receipt.

[SB 657](#) (Brown) Trade; consumer goods and services; requirement for disclosure of social security number to purchase or obtain certain goods or services of a retailer; prohibit.

[SB 792](#) (Bishop) Consumer protection; privacy; identity theft protection act; create.

[SB 793](#) (Van Woerkom) Criminal procedure; jurisdiction; crime of obtaining personal identity information of another with intent to unlawfully use the information; clarify.

[SB 794](#) (Toy) Crime victims; rights; victim of identity theft to obtain certificate as proof of theft from prosecuting attorney or attorney general; allow.

[SB 795](#) (Cassis) Civil rights; privacy; social security number privacy act; establish and provide penalties and remedies.

[SB 797](#) (George) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crimes of identity theft; establish.

[SB 798](#) (Sanborn) Consumer credit; other; denial of credit to identity theft victims; prohibit.

[SB 803](#) (Cropsey) Criminal procedure; statute of limitations; tolling of statute of limitations in certain cases of identity theft; provide for.

Chair Representative William Van Regenmorter

House Committee Appropriations: Community Colleges
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda [SB 1062](#) (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; community and junior colleges; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair Representative Bruce Caswell

House Committee Land Use and Environment
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5632
Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda [HB 5660](#) (LaJoy) Education; school districts; replacement of exclusive jurisdiction of superintendent of public instruction over school site plans with local input into school site plans; provide for, for a limited period.
Chair Representative Ruth Johnson

House Committee Higher Education
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5795
Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda [HB 5791](#) (Hoogendyk) Higher education; admission; enrollment of high school students as full-time students in certain community colleges and universities; allow and provide grant program.

[HB 5792](#) (Palmer) Higher education; admission; enrollment in certain community colleges and universities under Michigan accelerated college education act; waive high school compulsory attendance requirement for participants.
Chair Representative Joanne Voorhees

House Committee Transportation
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538
Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda [HB 5802](#) (DeRossett) Traffic control; driver license; driver license provisions; revise and make related amendments.

[HB 5364](#) (Daniels) Vehicles; abandoned; failure to pay fines, charges, and costs on an abandoned vehicle; prohibit reinstatement of driving privileges.

FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:

[HB 5230](#) (LaJoy) Transportation; funds; contract for preservation of county local road system within townships; eliminate county population limitation and revise township population figure.

[HB 4757](#) (LaSata) Trade; fair trade practices; certain unfair methods of competition and pricing practices in the retail distribution of motor fuel; prohibit.
Chair Representative Gene DeRossett

SENATE

Senate Committee Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number 373-3760
Location Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 12:00 PM
Agenda [HB 4983](#) (Tobocman) Occupations; service occupations; licensure of immigration clerical assistants; provide for.

[HB 4984](#) (Huizenga) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain violations of the Michigan immigration clerical assistant act; enact.

[HB 5074](#) (Spade) Counties; employees and officers; local corrections officers to carry stun guns and similar devices; allow.

[HB 5105](#) (Van Regenmorter) Crimes; robbery; general revisions to certain robbery statutes; provide for.

[HB 5347](#) (Nofs) Crimes; penalties; operation of audiovisual recording function of a device in motion picture exhibition facilities; prohibit and prescribe penalties.

[HB 5336](#) (Stakoe) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of audio visual

recording in a motion picture facility; enact.

[SB 151](#) (Clarke) Criminal procedure; bail; surety bonds for proportion of full bail amount; allow.

Testimony & Discussion On:

The Michigan Public Safety Communications System and the impact of Executive Directives 2003-12 and 2003-13 on shared local use of the radio towers.

Chair

Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee Appropriations: Transportation
Clerk Phone Number 373-2523
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5528](#) (Shulman) Appropriations; zero budget; department of transportation; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair Senator Shirley Johnson

Senate Committee Transportation
Clerk Phone Number 373-7708
Location Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda Advice and Consent hearing on Linda Miller Atkinson, appointed to the Michigan Transportation Commission.

Advise and Consent hearing on Vincent Brennen, appointed to the Michigan Transportation Commission.
Chair Senator Judson Gilbert

Senate Committee Appropriations: State Police & Military Affairs
Clerk Phone Number 373-5932
Location Room 405, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Discussion/Subcommittee Decisions on Budget Recommendations for the Department of State Police and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for FY 2004-05.

Subcommittee Review and Public Testimony.
Chair Senator Cameron Brown

Senate Committee Commerce & Labor
Clerk Phone Number 373-2413
Location Room 100, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Presentation by the Michigan Venture Capital Association on venture capital funds and Michigan businesses.

Presentation by Southwest Michigan First on new business growth.
Chair Senator Jason Allen

Senate Committee Families & Human Services
Clerk Phone Number 373-1801

Location Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [HB 4096](#) (Hager) Children; protection; children's ombudsman; clarify duties.
[HB 4586](#) (Vander Veen) Children; protection; child protection records of children who died while under care of state; eliminate confidentiality.
Chair Senator Bill Hardiman

Senate Committee Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs
Clerk Phone Number 373-1854
Location Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Land use presentation given by the Grand Valley Metro Council

Overview: Department of Environmental Quality/State Tax Commission Administration of the tax credit for Pollution Control Devices

Oversite of Public Act 14 of 2003

[SCR 35](#) (Stamas) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the federal government to work with Michigan officials to align the ownership of mineral rights and surface rights on state and federal lands in Michigan and to express our intent to take actions to achieve this goal.

[SR 171](#) (Patterson) A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the federal government to work with Michigan officials to align the ownership of mineral rights and surface rights on state and federal lands in Michigan and to express our intent to take actions to achieve this goal.

Chair Senator Patricia L Birkholz

Senate Committee Appropriations: History, Arts & Libraries
Clerk Phone Number 373-0793
Location Epic Center, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Wellspring Theatre, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 5:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5519](#) (Shulman) Appropriations; zero budget; department of history, arts, and libraries; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair Senator Tom George

Senate Committee Appropriations: General Government
Clerk Phone Number 373-2420
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 5/11/2004
Time 2:30 P.M.
Agenda Legislature, Treasury, Revenue Sharing, any remaining budget issues
Chair Senator Valde Garcia

Senate Committee Finance
Clerk Phone Number 373-1758
Location Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time 1:00 PM

Agenda [SB 1185](#) (Cassis) Property tax; payment and collection; penalties and interest on personal property; modify.
Chair Senator Nancy Cassis

Senate Committee Appropriations: Commerce, Labor & Economic Development
Clerk Phone Number 3732420
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Wednesday, 5/12/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5521](#) (Shulman) Appropriations; zero budget; department of labor and economic growth; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair Senator Valde Garcia

Senate Committee Appropriations: Family Independence Agency
Clerk Phone Number 373-1801
Location Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 8:00 AM
Agenda FIA Presentations on the following:
1. FIP Programs
2. Food Assistance
Chair Senator Bill Hardiman

Senate Committee Appropriations: State Police & Military Affairs/Joint Senate & House
Clerk Phone Number 373-5932
Location Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower, 124 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 8:30 AM
Agenda Homeland Security in Michigan. Captain John Ort, Director of the Emergency Management Division of the Department of State Police and others will continue discussions and field questions on Homeland Security grants and programs in the state from the meeting of April 29, 2004.
Chair Senator Cameron Brown

Senate Committee Agriculture, Forestry & Tourism
Clerk Phone Number 373-1635
Location Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda [SB 953](#) (Brown) State; funds; loans to certain farmers for qualified agricultural energy production; provide for.

[SB 955](#) (Brown) Property tax; exemptions; methane digester and methane digester electric generating system; exempt.

[SR 143](#) (Brown) A resolution to encourage the further utilization of methane digestion in Michigan.
Chair Senator Gerald Van Woerkom

Senate Committee Appropriations: Agriculture
Clerk Phone Number 373-5932
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5509](#) (Shulman) Appropriations; zero budget; department of agriculture; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

Chair Senator Cameron Brown

Senate Committee Education
Clerk Phone Number 373-6920
Location Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 2:00 PM
Agenda [SB 1153](#) (Kuipers) Education; examinations; replacing high school MEAP test; provide for in school code.

[SB 1154](#) (Switalski) Education; examinations; replacing high school MEAP test; provide for in postsecondary enrollment options act.

[SB 1155](#) (Jelinek) Education; examinations; replacing high school MEAP test; provide for in school aid act.

[SB 1156](#) (Van Woerkom) Higher education; financial aid; Michigan merit award scholarships; replace MEAP test in determining eligibility.

[SB 1157](#) (Thomas III) Education; examinations; replacing high school MEAP test; provide for in career and technical preparation act.

Chair Senator Wayne Kuipers

Senate Committee Appropriations: Family Independence Agency
Clerk Phone Number 373-1801
Location Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower, 124 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 2:00 P.M.
Agenda FIA Presentations on the following:
1. CSES System
2. Audit Reports
3. Staffing Issues

Chair Senator Bill Hardiman

Senate Committee Appropriations: History, Arts & Libraries
Clerk Phone Number 373-0793
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Thursday, 5/13/2004
Time 11:00 AM or later, immediately following session
Agenda [HB 5519](#) (Shulman) Appropriations; zero budget; department of history, arts, and libraries; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

Chair Senator Tom George
